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TAGS: BEXP, ESTC, MASS, NI
SUBJECT: ANTI-RIOT EQUIPMENT FOR NIGERIAN POLICE

1. AS FURTHER REFLECTION OF GOVERNMENT CONCERN OVER STUDENT UNREST AND DEMONSTRATIONS, EMBASSY WAS VISITED BY SOUTH KOREAN BUSINESSMAN WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN PAST YEAR IN SUPPLYING WEARING APPAREL AND OTHER ITEMS TO NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE. (BUSINESSMAN WHO WISHES NAME PROTECTED IS BONGDUK LEE, DAEWOO INTERNATIONAL, 82 AWOLOWO ROAD, IKOYI, LAGOS.) LEE ASSERTS THAT NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE (NPF) IS DESPERATELY SEEKING FOLLOWING SUPPLIES. SOUTH KOREA CANNOT SUPPLY THEM AND THUS LEE IS TURNING TO AMERICAN SOURCES.

2. NORMAL TRADE REFERENCE BOOKS AVAILABLE IN OUR COMMERCIAL LIBRARY ARE INADEQUATE GUIDES FOR SOURCES OF REQUESTED ITEMS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC CHECKING WITH APPROPRIATE US MILITARY SOURCES TO IDENTIFY SUPPLIERS OF FOLLOWING ITEMS. EMBASSY WOULD THEN GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FIRMS TO LEE WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WRITING TO FIRMS DIRECTLY. EXPORT CLEARANCES WOULD HAVE TO BE GOTTEN BY SUPPLIER COMPANIES.

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3. LITS OF ITEMS REQUESTED IS AS FOLLOWS:
UNSPECIFIED RUBBER BULLETS
50,000 STEEL HELMETS WITH LINERS
50,000 RESPIRATORS (GASMASKDS
200,000 LONG RANGE (TEAR GASS) SHELLS
200,000 CARTRIDGE, TEAR GAS

200,000 HAND GRENADES

5,000 RIOT GUNS

UNSPECIFIED PISTOL, SIGNAL

WEAPONS:

A. UNSPECIFIED .303 RIFLE W/AMMO

B. UNSPECIFIED .38 PISTOL W/AMMO

C. UNSPECIFIED 9MM PISTOL W/AMMO

D. UNSPECIFIED 9MM SUBMACHINE GUN W/AMMO

E. UNSPECIFIED 32PISTOL W/AMMO

F. UNSPECIFIED .38 SPECIAL PISTOL W/AMMO

4. ABOVE LIST IS CONFUSING IN THE VARIETY OF GOODS
AND IN THE LACK OF SPECIFIC NUMBERS FOR MOST OF THE
WEAPONS. REASON FOR THIS PRESUMABLY IS HURRIED NATURE
OF REQUEST AND AD HOC PLANNING OF NPF. SOURCE BUSINESS-
MAN STRESSES SENSITIVE NATURE OF ORDER AND WISHES THAT
DETAILS OF REQUEST REMAIN CLASSIFIED.

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